

Hounslow Highways, the appointed highways service provider, is responsible for improving and maintaining the borough's entire street scene assets fence-to-fence for the next 25 years. Over the next five years, Hounslow Highways will be investing £100 million in the borough's roads, footpaths, street lights and street cleansing. The focus on the roads is to make them smoother, safer and longer lasting.

Our Commitment to You

Hounslow Highways is committed to the consistent improvement of the places and spaces in the London Borough of Hounslow and to working closely with local communities, residents and businesses to build a better borough. We hope that everyone will enjoy the new look and feel that we create over the coming years and that everyone takes part in this exciting opportunity to improve our local areas.

If you have any further questions, wish to report a fault or wish to comment on any aspect of the Hounslow Highways service, please visit:

www.hounslowhighways.org

or telephone:

0208 583 2000



Surface Dressing



**London Borough
of Hounslow**

What is Surface Dressing?

Surface Dressing is the most cost effective road surface treatment. It extends the life of the road surface, increases skid resistance and seals the surface to stop water seepage, protecting it from damage caused by severe winter weather, such as potholes.

How is Surface Dressing laid?

The Surface Dressing process involves the application of a veneer of bitumen followed by a coating of loose chippings that are rolled into the bitumen. Loose chippings are swept away after 24 hours, again after 48 hours and seven days. The process is completed quickly, and traffic can use the road immediately under reduced speed limits put in place to protect road workers and reduce the risk of damage from loose chippings. Surface dressing is normally carried out during the summer months as the bitumen veneer adheres best to a dry surface.

What benefit do road users see?

Surface Dressing is quick to apply and often requires only temporary road closures. It is ready for traffic to travel on the new surface immediately, reducing delays to road users as only temporary road closures are required. The surface is normally used for arterial routes and rural carriageways. It creates a seal, preventing water from penetrating the road surface, prolonging the life of the road.

What about parking?

During the operations, please ensure that your vehicles are not parked on the highway as the operations will require full access at all times to the road. 'No Parking' signs will be erected throughout sites to advise residents of the times when vehicles should be removed. Areas that have significant parking throughout the day, will be required to move vehicles up to periods of seven days after the application to ensure that all of the excessive aggregate has been removed by mechanical sweeping.

What should I do when the works are taking place?

Please observe the traffic control measures that are in place at all times and do not drive on the wet bituminous surface at anytime. Please do not walk on the freshly laid materials, because it may stick to your shoes and can be transferred to carpets, wooden floors, etc.

Unavoidably there will be some disruption during the works but we aim to minimise this wherever possible. We work with the utility companies that provide gas, electricity, telephone and cable services to ensure we coordinate and manage the activities to cause as little disruption as possible.

